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Questions unanswered in OPP cost hike

Chad Ingram Staff reporter

Exactly how much does it cost to operate the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment?

No one seems to know.

Representatives from the police force visited Haliburton County councillors during their March 26 meeting to answer questions on the new OPP billing model, to be enacted in 2015.

That model, which attempts to equalize payments on a per household basis throughout the province, would see annual OPP costs in Haliburton County jump by some \$5 million next year, equating to property tax increases of between 20 and 36 per cent throughout the municipality's lower tiers.

In advance of Wednesday's meeting, the OPP and the Ministry of Community Services and Correctional Services were given six pages of questions from the county, some of which were answered and some of which were not.

Councillors were first given a rundown of the current OPP billing model, which has been in effect since 1998.

"I still find the current process and the current billing model complex and hard to understand," said Staff Sgt. Cathy Bell along with Sgt. Liane Spong and Staff Sgt. Chad Bark, commander of the Haliburton Highlands detachment, comprised the delegation to council.

The current model uses a cost recovery

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Darren Lum Staff

Highland Storm Bantam A players from left, Paydon Miscio Jacob Bishop, Owen Patterson-Smith, Andrew Hall, with trophy, Chase Burden, Ethan Keefer and Nolan Flood celebrate, passing the A.A. Ash Morrison Trophy after winning the Ontario Minor Hockey Association Bantam B Division Championship against the Mount Brydges Cougars on Saturday evening at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

Storm OMHA champions

Darren Lum Staff reporter

It all came together for the Highland Storm Bantam A team in what became a historic year and an incredible end with golden proportions.

In front of family, friends and hockey fans, including community supporters, the Highland Storm team earned the right to skate victoriously with the A.A. Ash Morri-

son Trophy by winning the Ontario Minor Hockey Association Bantam B Division Championship.

They showed the quality they've exhibited all season to beat the visiting Mount

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Scott launches business survey



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Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, is reaching out to local businesses to get advice on what the government can do to help businesses create much-needed jobs.

"Small businesses employ more than 90 per cent of workers in rural Ontario, so it is important for me to know what the government can do to help these businesses succeed," said Scott.

Scott's office mailed out approximately 1,000 surveys asking business owners about issues such as how the cost of hydro is impacting their business, whether red tape has increased and if they are experiencing a shortage of skilled tradespeople.

The survey is also available on her website at www.lauriescottmpp.com/business.html. Submitted by Laurie Scott's office

Community Care announces new location

Community Care is excited about their upcoming move into their new offices effective Monday April 28. The new address will be 7185 Gelert Rd. in Haliburton, just past the Haliburton Hospital on the west side of the road (same side as the hospital).

All contact phone numbers for the organization will remain the same: 705-457-2941 or toll free at 1-855-285-2944. The phones will be disconnected on the day of the move – Friday, April 25 but an answering service will be checked continually throughout the day to ensure minimal service disruption.

Social recreation activities will also be moving to a new location in mid-April and May. If you are a registered user of these activities you will be notified where and when they will be taking place.

Meals on Wheels clients who pick up meals will not be able to do so the week of April 22. Delivery for April 24 is cancelled as the freezer is being moved to its new location and delivery/pickup will re-commence on May 14. The new Meals on Wheels office will be at the Haliburton Hospital, 7199 Gelert Rd., with access through the lower level parking lot.

Community Care is excited about all of these changes and looks forward to visiting with clients, partners and volunteers at their new locations as they continue to provide exemplary service to the community of the Haliburton Highlands.

For more information please contact Community Care at 705-457-2941.

HHHS struggles to balance budget

Jenn Watt

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board meeting on March 27.

This year's unusually harsh winter has hit Haliburton Highlands Health Services right in the budget. dler

Board chairman Len Logozar told members the organization is \$82,000 off their target, partially due to cold weather in January and February.

"Because of the severity of the winter, we've had to rely on fuel as a backup. Our geothermal system operates up until -20 and after that we kick into supplementary heat," he told the board.

Fuel costs for those two months: just under \$100,000.

"So, that's unexpected big bucks," he said.

Alongside fuel costs, unexpected sick time has contributed to this year's budgetary woes.

"We're small numbers and when we have one person absent it has a big impact on the organization," Logozar said.

the organization," Logozar said. CEO Varouj Eskedjian said he and chief financial officer Cathy Outram are working on getting the budget balanced.

"Varouj and his team have been very good in being able to get additional dollars from the LHIN [Local Health Integration Network] and the LHIN has been good to us in providing funding ... We've received in excess of a half million dollars in one-time funding for things we can put back into the system," Logozar said.

"They've been good to us and I think we've earned it because we've managed the operation very efficiently."

The province has provided a one per cent budget increase, which has been outpaced by inflation and staff wage increases.

Integration completion date pushed back

The merger of Community Care Haliburton County and Haliburton Highlands Health Services won't be complete until September, Eskedjian told the board.

Part of the LHIN-mandated integration process, CCHC, HHHS along with hospice services from SIRCH Community Services and the Victoria Order of Nurses services are in the process of being brought under one tent.

Originally, it was thought the transition could be completed by June 27. That date has been moved to Sept. 30.

The plan has changed slightly since the "Final Integration Plan" was introduced.

The directional plan approved by the board specifies that the services of Community Care will be taken over by HHHS.

Previously, the plan was to merge the two organizations under a new name.

"CCHC will transfer its programs and wind-down as a corporation," the directional plan says.

"The rationale for moving with this approach ... included minimizing legal expenditures and time and effort involved on dissolving both corporations and devel-

oping a new one. ... The CCHC board was satisfied with having members of their current board transfer to the HHHS board of directors, which would have accountability for the delivery of all health services in Haliburton County."

Plaque to commemorate Dr. David Fidder

The work of longtime doctor David Fiddler will be recognized with a plaque at the Minden ER, where he worked and co-ordinated coverage for the last 20 years.

The gesture was recommended by the medical advisory committee and quickly agreed to by board members.

Fiddler died last week and is credited for keeping the Minden ER open during times when the political winds seemed to be against it

New policy applauded

The province's new Life and Limb policy

will vastly improve emergency services for critically ill patients, chief of staff Dr. Greg Karaguesian told the board.

"Small rural hospitals were having incredible delays getting critically ill patients to large centres to the point where we actually had some deaths in Ontario years ago," Karaguesian said

The policy, which comes into effect April 1, mandates that patients with serious illness be admitted to the appropriate hospital within four hours from the call coming in.

"For the length of time I've been on the board this is the biggest positive change I've seen in the medical system," said Logozar.

Previously, ER doctors and nurses would have to put calls in to bigger hospitals that could handle critically ill patients looking for a bed.

The new policy takes the bed out of the equation and puts the responsibility of finding a spot on the shoulders of one organization: CritiCall Ontario.



Fire causes damage to Eagle Lake home

An Eagle Lake Road home was left with an estimated \$200,000 worth in damage after a chimney fire spread through the house before the Dysart Fire Department was able to put it out on Friday evening. There were 21 firefighters who responded. The house, which required the removal of the upstairs ceiling to gain access to the fire, is left with "extensive water and smoke damage." Darren Lum Staff

\$2 million to pave Cty Rd 648

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

County council voted to award a paving contract for County Road 648 to Norway Asphalt for just over \$2 million, plus taxes at their meeting March 26.

That will include one-metre paved shoulders, which double as bike lanes.

While the staff recommendation had been to go with a .5-metre paved shoulder for \$1.9 million, councillors heard a presentation from Sue Shikaze of the local Communities in Action committee.

"A one-metre paved shoulder provides adequate space for cyclists," Shikaze said, adding it was statistically likely to lower the

chance of crashes.

"Paved shoulders are also an investment in community safety."

"I support Sue's request," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen. "It's important that we do have a cycling lane, or at least a wide shoulder."

The rest of council agreed, with the sole exception of Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, who voted against the one-metre shoulder in a recorded vote.

"Staff made a recommendation to us," Fearrey said. "If we do the one-metre, with the budget we have, we're going to have to knock half a kilometre off."

The project is to pave County Road 648 from the area of Dark Lake Bridge to Highland Grove.



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'You haven't got it right' reeve tells OPP

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formula that is applied on a perofficer basis.

It is applied for the recovery of "specific support services" - salaries and benefits of communications operators, prison guards, etc. - as well as "other direct operating expenses" - vehicles, uniforms, equipment, etc., from municipali-

Along with expenses collected through the recovery formula, municipalities are charged the actual salaries and benefits of officers who work for the local detachment.

Staffing is recorded in logs throughout the year.

Actual costs are determined through an annual reconciliation process, in which municipalities are sent an estimate toward the end of the calendar year, receiving the bill for that year the following March.

"So, why are we doing this?" asked Bell, referring to the new model, which she noted is "creating a bit of an uproar in the prov-

One-hundred ninety of the more than 300 municipalities served by the OPP will see their policing costs increase, with Haliburton County among the most severely affected.

As Bell explained, a 2012 report from the auditor general called for the OPP to simplify and make its cost-recovery methods more transparent, as well as address issues that had municipalities paying different rates for policing.

The proposed model includes two main pillars; base service and calls for service. It operates on the principle that all municipalities should pay their fair share of base service costs.

These include items such as supervision, administration and infrastructure, as well as costs associated with front-line policing, from salaries and benefits to train-

Calls for service would be charged based on the number and type of call.

Each type of call has been assigned an average incident time that would be used to calculate

For example, a violent crime is listed at 14.4 hours; drug possession 6.2 hours.

Under the new formula, the province has put out the figure of \$369 as the average per household fee, weighted 73 per cent for base service and 27 per cent for per call

With outcry coming from numerous municipalities over the proposed model, the province has been considering changing this ratio to 60 per cent for base service and 40 per cent for per call service.



Chad Ingram Staff

Staff Sgt. Cathy Bell, left, Sgt. Liane Spong and Staff Sgt. Chad Bark of the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment were in county council chambers March 26 to answer questions about the new OPP billing formula, which is to come into effect in 2015.

"Feedback is having an effect on the development of this model," Bell said.

A change to 60/40 would lessen the increase for most municipalities that would be paying more under the new model.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, who noted the presentation had "succeeded in creating brain fog," wondered where the ratios for base service versus per call service were coming from as they seemed arbitrary.

"We don't seem to understand how these ratios are being arrived at," Moffatt said.

Bell said they were based on the activity logs kept by the OPP.

"We can support that," she said. That is defensible.

Moffatt also noted there seems to be a shift in the way costs are being allocated.

Municipalities that receive the services of the OPP by default through the Ontario Police Services Act, would, on the whole, see their costs increase while municipalities in direct agreements with the OPP would, on the whole, see their costs decrease.

Of the 172 municipalities in the former category, 28 would see their costs decrease while 144 would see them increase.

From 2012 levels, this equates to a collective increase of \$46.8 mil-

Meanwhile, of the 133 municipalities in direct agreements with the OPP, 59 would have increases while 74 municipalities would experience decreases for a collective drop of \$33.6 million.

"Not everybody is going to be \$369," Bell said, stressing this was an average, not fixed figure, that had been provided by the minis-

try.
"You're using averages," she said at one point. "Nobody has given you exact numbers. You've made a lot of assumptions."

"All we have is averages," said treasurer Laura Janke, noting that if the county didn't communicate that information to its ratepayers, it would have nothing to communicate to them about the impact of proposed formula.

Janke has repeatedly called the funding formula flawed during the past several months, for several reasons, including the use of the per household measure.

Most government funding operates on the basis of permanent population.

The proposed OPP formula weighs seasonal and year-round residences evenly and Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid noted it's the province's cottaging hotspots that will be hit hardest.

"Muskoka, Parry Sound, City of Kawartha Lakes, Frontenac Reid said, rhyming off municipalities that will see their costs soar.

Haliburton County would be the second most adversely affected municipality, with its collective policing costs jumping from \$3.3 million to \$8.5 million next year. Only the District of Muskoka would be harder hit, jumping from \$9.7 to \$17 million.

"I'm talking to an organization that I think understands the evidence business," Reid said, noting she's not seen any data to justify the formula, including at the AMO steering committee on OPP billing, on which she's the county's representative. "The whole premise has got off to a bad start. There's been no evidence to convince elected officials and members of the public that there's an

Reid referred to a slide from Bell's presentation that had said most municipalities that are billed on a per-year basis by the OPP have a credit once the yearly reconciliation process is done.

"It says we're paying the bills you sent," Reid said, adding that Haliburton County was in the middle of the road as far as the provincial crime index went and that the county's crime index had dropped substantially in the past

Commercial and industrial properties are not being factored into the formula and councillors told the OPP they should be.

"Each business should be considered a household," Reid said, noting businesses generated calls for service too.

She added that the formula should be based on permanent population and that there was a reason the Quebec police and the RCMP billed costs this way.

Reid noted many of the auditor general's suggestions had not been undertaken, such as the elimination of 12-hour shifts, which drive up overtime. She slammed the process at the AMO steering committee, which was comprised of both "winner" and

"loser" municipalities, and where she said it was nearly impossible for the latter to make their voices

We had several members leave the last meeting early," she said, adding she didn't expect much good to come out of the process. The AMO is like the cheese in the sandwich because their stakeholders are on both sides of the equa-

Meetings for the steering committee have concluded and it is expected to produce a report in the coming weeks.

'The OPP shouldn't be here answering this," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey. "It should be the ministry"

He told the officers the province couldn't rule out municipalities' ability to pay as a factor.

"I urge you in your infinite wisdom to slow down and get this right, because you haven't got it right," Fearrey said.

The OPP reps reiterated that council's feedback would be

Near the end of the two-hour discussion, councillors asked what it cost, in total, to operate the Haliburton Highlands OPP detach-

They were told part of it comes from the OPP's regional budget and that some of it was captured under the cost-recovery formula.

Bark said he had been trying to get figures for the detachment - how much it costs for the lease, gas, water, snow removal, etc. and that he had been referred to a number of government employees, one of whom thought those figures rested with Infrastructure Ontario.

Reid said other members of the AMO committee had requested but had not been provided with costs for their bases.

We just want all the costs for the detachment," Reid said, "There's only one taxpayer."

The county will continue to pressure the ministry.

The lower tiers are each sending mail-outs to their residents, asking them to write letters to the province regarding the proposed for-

A day of action is also being organized for May 1, where residents will be encouraged to call or email the province, or take to social media with the hashtag #OPPmayday.

Fearrey suggested the county also request a meeting with the new minister of community safety.

In a cabinet shuffle Tuesday, former minister Madeleine Meilleur was moved from the portfolio, with Ottawa Centre MPP Yasir Naqvi taking her place.

The funding formula is expected to be finalized some time this



Fin de Fiesta

Above, Alexandra Talbot, far right, exhibits passion and flair during a flamenco number at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on March 27 while Tamar Ilana and Dennis Duffin provide live music. The three are part of the Canadian troupe Fin de Fiesta, which translates to "end of the party." The two-hour show featured live music and electric, passionate dances.

Right, at more than six feet tall, Lia Grainger was all business as she danced flamenco. **Photos by Angelica Blenich**



Sweet business opens up in Haliburton Village

Angelica Blenich Staff reporter

Barry Butler could be described as the Willy Wonka of Haliburton.

An Algonquin Highlands resident for the past 30 years, Butler has set up a sweet manufacturing establishment where peanut brittle is produced. (They plan to soon produce fudge.)

Open since last fall, Butler Confectioners has been quietly pumping out bags and tins of brittle, which contain a handful of ingredients easy to pronounce.

Butler bought the Oshawa-based business and relocated it to the Industrial Park in Haliburton last summer.

"I looked at it very carefully and thought, hey, this could be interesting," said Butler.

Weeks of renovations followed, and by September the CEO had his copper pots and staff in place to begin boiling brittle.

"We had orders for brittle before we could even produce it," he said.

With a team of eight employees on staff, the peanut brittle process takes about five hours from start to finish, including prep time and cleanup.

Butler is keen on creating a collaborative, team environment where everyone's input is valued.

The brittle is made using ingredients sourced from North America, said operations manager Gillian Brown.

"Most confectionary candy is made up of imported ingredients," she said.

Apart from peanuts and sugar, the brittle is made using copper kettles brought in from Chicago, where it is boiled to an extremely high temperature.

It is then poured onto large trays where it is cooled.

"It's so hot, it's like pouring molten lava,"

said Brown. "You spread it out very quickly. It takes about half an hour to harden properly."

The cooking and packaging of the brittle only takes about two hours, and nothing sits overnight or for long periods, she said.

The peanut brittle is available locally at Haliburton Foodland and Haliburton Home Hardware among others.

Butler is hoping to get it in stores across the country in the next few months.

Before that happens, the business is working with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to receive the proper accreditation to be in national retailers.

"We're doing that because we already have offers from two national chains to carry our products," said Brown.

Getting the accreditation would be a significant step in putting Haliburton on the map as a manufacturing location, said Brown.

The food wholesale business is a new venture for Butler, an Australian native, who previously worked as a manager in construction.

"I'm enjoying this," he said. "What I'm enjoying the most is all the different charities we've been able to support."

Apart from stocking the shelves with sweets, Butler has a philanthropic side, with a passion for charities such as the Haliburton Pregnancy Centre, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Shriners and others.

He has already begun supporting charities such as the Toronto Don Valley District Charity for Military Family Resource Centre by offering them the opportunity to sell the brittle and receive a portion of the proceeds.

"They will buy brittle from us, we design a label, and then they use it to sell as a fundraiser," said Brown. "Barry calls it candy with a conscience ... no matter how big or



Angelica Blenich Staff

Barry Butler is the CEO and man behind Butler Confectioners, a new manufacturing business in Haliburton Village. In operation since last fall, Butler Confectioners has a staff of eight people who make peanut brittle that sells all over Canada and the world.

industrious we might be, Barry is very committed to always having a section dedicated to philanthropy."

Already busy taking care of orders and growing the business, Butler Confectioners is now bracing itself to start making Old Fashioned Mennonite Fudge, using a secret recipe from a Mennonite.

Starting in the next few weeks the company will be producing four flavours: chocolate, vanilla, Haliburton maple and cara-

 $mel, with \ regional \ ingredients, \ said \ Brown.$

Plans for the future include using the factory as a teaching facility and opening it up for fundraising opportunities.

"It's very exciting for Haliburton," said Brown. The company has set up a website where orders can be placed online and shipped all over the world.

For more information visit www.butler-confectioners.ca or call 705-457-9999.

New name for EMS

Chad Ingram

Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a March 26 meeting of county council.

Council voted to change the name of the EMS department to Haliburton County Paramedics Service following a recommendation from emergency services director Craig Jones, who said the new name more aptly describes the bulk of the department's work.

"A lot of people were confused with EMS . . . whereas, when we say 'paramedics' they understand that," he said. A new crest and letterhead is to be applied gradually.

The county will also be replacing the 20-year-old roof at the Haliburton Village base for approximately \$21,500 plus

Applying for paramedicine funding

The county will be applying to the ministry of health and long-term care for a \$160,000 grant for training, equipment and IT for a paramedicine program. Such a program, preventative in nature, would have county paramedics visiting and checking in on at-risk and geriatric residents during their downtime between calls. Emergency calls would continue to take priority.

Waiting for funding

The county and Minden Hills township will continue to wait to see what kind of funding becomes available before submitting an application for the construction of an EMS base and fire hall on the former Walker's Auto Repair property on Highway 35.

Minden Hills council has resolved the township will partner with the county on a facility, but with the caveat of funding from upper levels of government.

County staff are ready for the county to move ahead with constructing an EMS base, selling a portion of the property to Minden Hills for the construction of a fire hall.

However, since there is a greater chance of approval with a joint application, councillors are continuing to wait until a funding opportunity is announced.

"It's not like our ambulance base has burned down," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid. "We don't have a panic situation here."

The estimated cost for a combined, 10,500-square-foot EMS base/fire hall is \$2.3 million; for a 5,000-square-foot standalone EMS base \$1.13 million; and for a standalone 6,500-square-foot fire hall \$1.4 million.

The county has put approximately \$700,000 into the project so far, including the \$385,000 purchase of the five-acre property in 2010.

Prep work has also included the extension of Minden Hills's water and sewer system to the site.

EORN to wrap up this year

Reps from the Eastern Ontario Regional Network gave councillors an update on the project, which is supposed to equip many of the homes and businesses throughout the region with high-speed Internet by the end of 2014.

The goal is for 95 per cent of households and businesses to be connected and for 85 per cent to have connectivity rates of up to 10 megabits per second.

Because of terrain or areas of low density, not all residences and businesses are able be connect.

In most of those cases, satellite service through Xplornet should be available.

This year's severe winter has created a number of physical delays in the project.

Its \$170 million price tag came from a combination of municipal, provincial, federal funding and money and inkind contributions from private industry.

The county contributed approximately \$520,000.







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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Major hockey

HAT A GAME. The Highland Storm Bantam team left no one wondering who deserved to win it all Saturday night at the Dys-

An incredible 7-2 victory finished the series three games to one and rewarded the squad with the title of Ontario Minor Hockey Association champions for 2014.

"It's like old times," someone commented in the line-up to get into the A.J. LaRue Arena March

29, with parking at a premium and standing room only for the big game. It seemed like the entire town had come out to support the boys, who finished off an excellent year with the win.

The speed, skill and teamwork were evident from the first period when the first and second goals were quickly put away.

The Mount Brydges Cougars, who won the first game in the series but lost the next two at home March 22 and 23, were clearly in over their heads from the beginning.

The game was a fantastic community event, with spirits high and palpable confidence in the air that the Bantams would bring home the trophy.

What was truly outstanding about the game was how in sync the players were. The puck seemed destined for Storm sticks and no matter how many times a Cou-

gars defenceman would intercept, another Haliburton player would be there to continue to push for-

In many cases it felt like Mount Brydges was being absorbed into a swarm of Storm players, unsure of how to get out of it.

It was a proud night for the fans and must have been an even more spectacular evening for the players who demonstrated real commitment and skill from beginning to end.

This year has been a stellar one for hockey in Haliburton County.

On top of hometown hockey player Matt Duchene's gold medal finish at the Olympics, the high school boys' bronze at OFSAA, a host of community tournaments, a star-studded hockey documentary, the entire Highland Storm franchise put forward a foundation

of strong hockey this year.

This win was the icing on the blissfully delicious cake.







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Golden skies

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Think spring

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BIA in the Village

THEY WERE TALKING trash at the March BIA executive meeting. Councillor Dennis Casey, chair of the Dysart et al Environment and Green Energy (EGE) Committee, accompanied by Brian Nicholson, director of public works and Mark Brohm, landfill manager, led an informative and important discussion around landfill and recycling issues.

We increased our understanding of the challenges associated with the landfill such as contaminated recycling bins, misplaced items and the need to ensure and

increase the redirection of items away from the landfill that could easily be reused.

We were reminded of the need for mandatory recycling and that transparent bags must be used for household garbage at all of our five landfills sites.

We welcomed Mark's landfill tips for the business community, which of course, are also important for all of us:

Styrofoam packing goes in the construction and demolition pile.

Styrofoam popcorn packing goes in the construction and demolition pile.

Plastic bags go in the plastic bag container located at the recycling station.

Cardboard goes in the large black commercial bin if possible.

And in the village:

Street sweepings do not go into the municipal garbage bins.

Apartment garbage does not go into the municpal garbage bins.

In addition, in an effort to get information out and keep costs and taxes down, the municipality has developed a short educational video short called "Dysart Trash Talk", starring Mark, our very own Lord of the Landfill!

The EGE committee has already made good use of the video, reaching out to schools and linking it on the Dysart et al

One of the next steps for the committee is to work with the business community. The BIA is eager to be part of this dialogue and part of the solution.

We will be encouraging all our members and, indeed, everyone in our municipality to begin the dialogue by watching the video.

You can find it at https://vimeo. com/67947112.

As Casey stated, "The landfill space we have left is finite. We need to work

together to come up with solutions to make it last."

Now, about the Think Spring Campaign. As I write this column, it is snowing again in Haliburton. Am I discouraged? NO.

The campaign is working. I know this because I know that there are wonderful spring things happening in the village.

On April 1 and 2 the Haliburton Soccer Club is holding registration in the Haliburton Highlands Second-

ary School gym foyer; our village bookstore is highlighting gardening and Easter books; we are learning about seed libraries; people are planting seeds inside gettting ready for outside; retailers are having end-of-winter sales and this is just the beginning.

The list goes on and on.

Oh yes, the Think Spring Campaign is definitely working.

Credit for this is to be shared among all the Think Spring believers.

If you are not already a believer and on this band wagon, no worries, you can still

Just think about spring and do something associated with spring.

The snow will be gone very soon now.

points of view

New hybrid

UST WHEN WE have finally gotten used to wild turkeys, Mother Nature has thrown a wrench in the gears. The Cornill University of Ornithology and Dramatic Arts has just confirmed what many experienced turkey hunters have suspected all along: wild turkeys can, and do, interbreed with Canada geese under the right conditions.

This hybrid, which is becoming more prominent throughout North America, is known as the wild turkeese. For the first time, we have them here in Haliburton County this year too.

For those who haven't seen them yet, the wild turkeese has more wild turkey than Canada goose in its makeup. In fact, aside from their webbed feet and the fact they walk south every fall, often in vee formations, you might not even be able to discern the difference.

But there are telltale signs.



Steve Galea Loon Tales

First, the wild turkeese prefers farm fields, meadows and woods but can also be seen on the lawns of public parks, golf courses and along the waterfront. They are often seen in large flocks too.

The wild turkeese calls like a goose, but is also capable of gobbling like a turkey. While this complicates matters for hunters, there is an upside too. You see, with its delicious mix of succulent dark and white meat the wild turkeese is suitable for both Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner.

So how do you hunt them?

First, you don't have to go too far. In fact, you've probably already heard many local people talk about all the wild turkeese they have seen in their fields, lawns or along our roadsides of late. Many of us are also hearing them call early in the mornings.

Experts say that the best way to hunt them is to plan for a typical wild turkey hunt but to be prepared, just in case you run into a flock

Begin by calling with a wild turkey call and having a turkey decoy or two set up if you use them. Then proceed to hunt as you normally would for wild turkey.

If, however, during that hunt, you hear goose-like calling in the distance, it's time to switch to a hunting mode more suitable to wild turkeese. The first thing is to rush out to where your decoys are set and add webbed feet to each bird. (You can easily make these out of electrical tape and cardboard. For best pattern results, feed Canada geese in a muddy area, then trace the print and make the pattern exactly 23 per cent larger.)

After you've attached realistic webbed feet to your decoys, reset your decoy spread into a vee formation facing into the wind. That way they'll look natural.

Then, pull out a goose call and begin to alternate between wild turkey and goose sounds. If you do it right, you'll soon have a flock of wild turkeese descend from the sky and circle your decoys. Aside from their telltale webbed feet, they'll look just like wild turkeys, but they'll fly like geese.

Of course, since wild turkeese are a migratory bird, federal hunting regulations apply. So, if you plan on hunting them, you'll need a migratory bird licence with a special wild turkese stamp, which you can get at any post office.

Since this is a relatively new stamp, don't be surprised if the person behind the counter doesn't have a clue what you are talking about, however. I find it helps when you explain how wild turkeys and Canada geese, under the influence of fermented berries, breed together each summer to create wild turkeese, which are now legal game here in Ontario.

The other thing to know is that since they are a migratory bird non-toxic shot regulations apply, but only partly. By partly, I mean that one half of any wild turkeese hunting shotshell load must be steel. The other half can be lead.

By the way, since they combine the legendary wariness of a goose and turkey, camouflage is doubly important. So, if you plan on hunting normal wild turkeys, regular turkey camouflage patterns are just fine. If, however, you plan on hunting wild turkeese, you are better off wearing a waterfowl camo pattern.

I know it's a bit complicated but I'm real excited about this new springtime hunting opportunity. As the first day of April is upon us, it won't be long now.

For more information on the species or detailed hunting regulations, call the Ministry of Natural Resources. Tell them you read it

letters to the editor

Holden family extends gratitude

To the Editor:

After being with a company for almost 24 years you would think you've been through just about everything, but that's really not the case.

On the evening of March 20 I received a call from my mother saying "The plant is on fire!" As I turned onto Industrial Park Road and got closer to the plant, I could see the office and shop's roofs were blazing. The Dysart fire department were already on the scene attacking the fire from both sides of the building. Employees had also arrived and had started moving vehicles, lumber and stock away from the building. I honestly thought we would lose the entire plant so we worked at trying to save as much as possible before that happened.

By the time we had moved as much as we could out of the way, I noticed that more firefighters, trucks and equipment had arrived. I recognized firefighters from Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands. All we could do was watch what seemed to be a hopeless situation, become an all-out effort to save the rest of the plant. All three fire departments worked together, and as a result, were able to save two-thirds of the building and a substantial amount of equipment and stock.

I cannot fully express my gratitude to the fire services of Haliburton County. Dysart arrived within a few short minutes of the 911 call and I believe they are the biggest single reason we still have the plant today. As well, without the additional support of Minden Hills and Algonquin Highfire departments

the outcome may not have been as successful as it

I would like to say thank you to all the firefighters for helping us when it mattered the most. A special thanks to Miles Maughan and Don Stephenson who assisted with the investigation and were very helpful with all my questions, both during the fire and after.

I would like to thank Ray Gervais and his son Ray, George Mathers, Nathan Petrini, Gary Burtch and Ed Davis for coming and offering help during the fire. I would also like to thank Irene Merritt from Rodco Enterprises and Charles and Maureen Mcaleaney from The Great Haliburton Feed Co. I believe they were the first calls to 911 and my family to alert us of the fire. As well thank you to Hudson Henderson Insurance, Darryl and Steve have been very supportive during this time.

We have set up a temporary office and hope to be operational in about a month; in the meantime we have another company assisting us with filling production orders so we can continue service to our customers. At this time we are busy planning the rebuild and expect to come out of this set back stronger than before.

So a sincere thank you from the Holden Family and all the employees at Holden Truss to all those involved in helping us during this time of crisis as well as the community for its strong support.

> Kirk Holden Haliburton

With great dismay

To the Editor:

It is with great dismay that I heard on the radio and read in the Echo that Dysart council voted unanimously to defeat the proposed Armatec develop-

While the proposed industry has no direct effect on my "property values" it does affect the economy of the Municipality of Dysart et al and the county as a whole. I guess it is the old scenario of the "squeaky wheel gets the grease".

There have been public meetings and a meeting with the development committee. How many people in favour of something show up for these meeting expecting their voice to be heard? Those who roar and stomp the loudest get recognition and the other comments go by the wayside.

I do not know what the cottage population is on Benoir Lake but I am sure it is a small fraction of

the population of Dysart that might benefit from an industry coming in and creating jobs.

I wonder if this were not an "election year" if council would have voted differently, shame on all of you for not looking out for the good of your municipality and the good of the county as a whole. I am sure you don't want to vote in favour of something that might cost you a precious vote.

I hope Armatec takes this to the Ontario Municipal Board and gets approval and make you all rethink your decision.

If Murray Fearry had not opted out of the vote due to conflict of interest there likely would have been at least one vote in favour for the better of the municipality and county.

> **Doug Bates** Gooderham

A picture worth more than a thousand words

To the Editor:

As many Haliburtions may know there was a theft/vandalism incident that occurred at eight cottages on Sugar Island, on Gull Lake this past week.

Our family cottage of 62 years (that my father built) burned to the ground.

At this time no clear determination has been made as to the cause of the fire, which precludes anyone from commenting with certainty.

see OPP page 8

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letters

OPP billing should be shelved

from page 7

But given the vandalism and dint of probability, it seems entirely likely vandalism was involved.

OPP PC Krista Potter, and her investigative partner have been very supportive (as have others in the ranks) to my siblings and their family as the OPP move through the investigative stages.

I've every confidence they will do all that they can.

As the saying goes "a picture is worth a thousand words". I'd say more than a thousand, wouldn't you?

More to the point, as a strong advocate for changing the current OPP billing reform, it's curious how events seem to occur as opportunity to reflect on ones proximal views. No doubt it is not lost on anyone, that losing a family legacy has given me pause to unearth some real world and very poignant perspectives on the good work that is confronting the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services regarding the OPP billing reform which negatively affects the policing services in many of Ontario's rural communities.

For me, it is about decency for the Ministry of Community Services and Correctional Services who hold the ultimate responsibility, to recognize that there are real people who depend on the OPP for services in their communities. That depend on those empowered in the Ministry and within the OPP Commissioner's circle "to not just talk-the-talk, or dance a party-political-line, in a pretense to walk-the-walk". Because that is exactly what has been going on.

We as municipalities need real world decisions made for real challenges. Decisions that will allow communities, that depend on the OPP services, (as provisionally bound under the Police Act) that are cost effective and support the front line work of our OPP officers.

We need a reform that:

- renews faith that good practical thinking and analysis are the cornerstones of a solid foundation;
- under publicly elected local scrutiny, the reform provides certainty that a fiscally accountable administration is at the helm:
- truly imparts that in it's duties we have a Ministry, and a core OPP Commissioner administration that reflects a genuine understanding that every dollar granted, spent and billed, (to assist local municipalities) will make the connection between rural needs, spend and crime.

The current "broad sweeping, bill by residence" OPP billing reformation as currently created to "keep it simple and transparent" that still does not have the bones that will effectively support responsible fiscal tracking between local cost, local service needs and local performance, is absolutely unacceptable.

Yasir Naqvi is now the new Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, replacing Madeleine Meilleur. Good news perhaps. However, given how far-down-the-pike this whole billing reform is ... I would assume nothing has changed except I'm generously granting Minister Nagvi some faith that good reasoning will apply and that the OPP billing reform will be shelved, and rethought entirely.

David Douglas Haliburton



David Douglas sent in this photo of what's left of his family cottage on Sugar Island after a fire. /Submitted

Email your letter to the Editor to jenn@haliburtonpress.com

Way to go, Dysart council

To the Editor,

Way to go Dysart council! You're another step down the road to the total stagnation of the local year-round economy. Congratulations!

There's still 40 or 50 people out there looking and desperately needing a good, full-time, year round job (such as Armatec's) that you haven't got on welfare yet.

Don't give up, I'm sure there will be more opportunities for jobs you can turn down coming along soon, total stagnation is in sight!

P.S. The inmates truly are running the asylum.

Tim Casey

We need businesses like Armatec

To the Editor

I have three children, all born and raised in Haliburton County. When it was time to leave the nest where did they go? My daughter Racheal lives in St. Catharines along with 20 or more of her school mates. Same goes for Shane in Belleville and Aaron in Peterborough. Why are all our children going to the cities? Because of the lack of full-time yearround jobs in our county.

The cottagers over the past 50 years have petitioned our governments to almost abolish the logging industry out of the area. Same goes for the mines and anything else that might cause noise, etc. on their much deserved holidays away from their boring jobs in the noisy cities.

Cottagers today don't realize that without these former businesses we wouldn't enjoy the good highways we now have compared to 50 years ago. Most of the lakes they now enjoy were inaccessible until the logging companies started to put roads into them in order to get the timber out.

Now we have Armatec that wanted to bring much needed jobs into the county. So it's only five or maybe 15. If those jobs were available a few years ago maybe one of my children might still be living here where they would have bought a home and be raising their young family now and paying taxes etc.

We read that school enrollment is declining because our young people are moving away to find jobs. The county now comprises more seniors than young families. If this trend keeps going, soon we will only have cottagers and seniors. As most businesses know they can't keep afloat on weekend business and a few year round seniors.

How noisy can Armatec be to the noise we put up with from cottagers?

I live on County Road 503. Every Friday afternoon and evening cottage traffic just flies by going to their much loved cottages. Same goes for Sunday as they return to the cities. At times the noise is unbearable from the car and motorcycle traffic, plus the exhaust fumes and blaring stereo systems.

I also live across from the I.B.O. Rail Trail, during the warm months we put up with the noise of ATVs and cross country dirt bikes. In the winter months it's the constant noise of snowmobiles racing on the trail. Step outside and the stink of raw gasoline will almost take your breath away on any given weekend.

I'm not against the cottagers or the year round seniors that have moved up from the city, I'm against the way they want to rule our way of life and ability to have a desent year round paying job for our selves and our children and the future of the county.

I don't care what industry wants to move to Haliburton County, if they bring jobs and our children can stay here then we need them along with their tax base. We have enough safe guards in each municipality, plus the county to ward off businesses from operating within a certain distance of a water source, homes etc. So let Armatec set up business here, we need them more than they need us.

Don Outram Tory Hill

Material things

Gerald Irish

A Senior's Moment

In some of my previous articles I have mentioned the importance of possessions to seniors. Most seniors have had experiences during or after the Depression years and during or post World War Two.

While living in these years material things and even foods were scarce. Many in these years went without things they held dear.

Groceries were rationed and some could be obtained only with coupons or tokens and cash. After suffering through these times owning things became vital. The more things we owned the better off we thought we were. Things became our symbol of financial security. So when it came time to rid ourselves of some things in order to move, it was extremely difficult. Possessions became our symbols of our better life. It has taken some of us a long time to realize those things we had to part with were only that: things.

It has also taken some of us quite a while to wake up and learn that our precious possessions are only precious to us. These treasures contain many memories with meaning to us only. We had to learn that memories do not reside in any particular object but in our hearts and in our minds. They live within us, not in an object.



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First-time author Janet Hepburn will be the guest speaker at the Lunch and Learn put on by Friends of the Library on April 9. Hepburn's novel, Flee, Fly, Flown is about two women with Alzheimer's disease who leave their nursing home on a cross-Canada adventure.

Novel explores Alzheimer's, friendship and adventure

Author Janet Hepburn to present her book, Flee, Fly, Flown at Lunch and Learn April 9

Jenn Watt Editor

If she had known in high school that creative writing could be a career, Janet Hepburn would have taken a much different path.

But in the end, the mother of two from Port Dover, Ont., ended up connecting with her passion anyway - it just look a little longer to

"Later in life I started thinking 'this is kind of fun," says Hepburn, 57, whose debut novel Flee, Fly, Flown, about two women who leave their Ottawa nursing home to embark on a cross-Canada trip, was published last year.

"It never occurred to me when I was going through high school and thinking of the future that you could [be a writer] ... that it was a career," she says.

About 20 years ago, Hepburn started thinking about returning to poetry. She was an admin assistant for the local school board and enjoyed her work, but wanted to try writing

Five years ago, thinking turned into action and she took a leave from work. Then she left her job entirely.

The leap paid off, first with published poetry and then with her first novel, which was nominated for the 2014 Evergreen Award by the Ontario Library Association.

On April 9, Hepburn will be the guest speaker at the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library's Lunch and Learn in Haliburton.

Online reviews of the book are glowing, with many readers making a personal connection to the content, which follows Alzheimer's patients Lillian and Audrey, who leave Tranquil Meadows Nursing Home to take a vacation out West.

The inspiration came from Hepburn's mother, Anna, who lived with the disease for more than a decade before she died in 2011.

In her last years, Anna lived in a nursing home where her daughter visited her most

"With that I got a good insight into how she and other people with Alzheimer's reacted to things," Hepburn explains.

Hepburn says her mother would often tell her about her productive day, detailing activities that had never happened.

"I was impressed with my mom. She was very positive.

One day, Hepburn was driving her car, listening to the radio and an image came to her of two women wearing yellow nightgowns. "They jumped off this bridge and their nightgowns were billowing," she says.

It was the spark of the idea that became Flee, Fly, Flown - though that image never appears in the book.

In fact, Hepburn wasn't sure where the novel would take her, allowing Lillian and Audrey to direct the narrative.

"It's a character-driven novel," she says. "I let them take me there."

Perhaps because of the deeply personal subject matter, readers have embraced the book and championed it throughout the province.

The author says she gets a steady stream of emails from people saying the story helped them get through their emotions around aging and Alzheimer's disease.

"People have made a really personal connection to it," she says.

One reviewer on the online reading community GoodReads.com, "Jeff Q," sums up the book this way: "What's the opposite of pretentious? Humble? Sincere? Honest? Flee, Fly, Flown is certainly the latter. It's also a funny (sometimes hilarious) look at aging, adventure and friendship set against the backdrop of mental illness."

Hepburn deflects praise giving others their due in the creation of the book.

Instructors, writing circles and editors were part of the process, she says.

And while the novel is all hers, Hepburn says without the social interaction, her life as a writer would be a lonely one.

"It's a very solitary thing, writing. So it's hard to have a true reflection of your work. You're always asking yourself: is this any good?"

Although Hepburn has travelled extensively going to such places as India and Africa – she has lived in the small town she was born in her

She and her family used to visit Chateau Woodland on Lake Kashagawigamog many years ago and is happy to be returning for the Lunch and Learn.

She is impressed with the work of Haliburton's library system and of the Friends of the Library organization that brings authors to town and encourages reading.

"For a rural area, it's so important to have that whole world of books out there," she says.

Janet Hepburn will be presenting on her book on Wednesday, April 9 at the Community Room (13523 Highway 118) in Haliburton.

Tickets are \$20 a person and include a buffet lunch at noon with the presentation beginning at 1 p.m. Reserve your ticket before April 7 by calling Brenda at 705-457-2695 or email folhaliburtoncounty@gmail.com.



Synbiota opens Haliburton window to world

Darren Lum Staff reporter

The first step towards opening up biotechnology was made with the help of Haliburton this past weekend.

The Haliburton campus in Fleming College became ground zero to a possible cure for cancer during #ScienceHack, which was world's first Massive Open Online Science (MOOS) event.

Synbiota, a Montreal-based biotech startup company, chose Haliburton to be the first of many #ScienceHack opportunities (hosted and online) such as Genspace in New York City over the next two months using new "wetware" Genomikon kits to synthesize violacein - a parasite-eating defence feature of a soil-dwelling bacteria found in the tropics.

According to Synbiota's website, violacein "has been hailed as a possible treatment against parasites (Matz et al., 2004; Matz and Kjellberg, 2005). It has also shown promise as a treatment for cancer, particularly leukemia (Ferriera et al., 2004; Carvalho et al.,

At a cost of \$356,000 per gram for violacein, a synthetic version is more affordable.

Synbiota offers a collaborative open web platform to anyone interested in creating medicines and materials, using DNA as building blocks.

CEO Connor Dickie and COO of Synbiota Justin Pahara started the company in the summer of 2010.

Dickie said Haliburton is the perfect venue not only for its beauty, but for the reminder of the ethical question related to bioengineering.

"When you think about engineering a living organism that grows, self-replicates, and grows even larger and larger there is the possibility that people can do things that are undesirable. We thought by doing this work here in nature in the beautiful environment of Haliburton it would really drive home the fact and understanding to people here we are engineering with nature and life. Being surrounded by this beauty will really allow people to understand and respect its natural environment rather than doing it in a concrete jungle where the only piece of nature is a dead plant in the corner of an office."

Dickie said he hopes to open science to the people and make everyone part of the discovery process instead of the leaving it to the exclusive domain of large million dollar corporations like Monsanto.

The majority of the participants weren't biotech professionals.

There was a diverse collection of 20 participants: a professor from the U.S., software designers, strategists, a national science foundation fellow from U.S., artists from New York, an author, film-maker, and CBC radio associate producer.

They worked long hours, sometimes into to Sunday this past weekend.



Darren Lum Staff

Britt Wray of Toronto, who was enjoying her snowshoe break at the Moon Shadows Estate Winery, was one of 20 visiting Haliburton, as part of the #ScienceHack 2014 event on Saturday at the Fleming College. Event organizers said #ScienceHack is the first ever open distributed genetic engineering event that enabled scientists of all skill levels to participate.

The Haliburton connection is owed to the Haliburton County Development Corporation's "equity position."

Part of the agreement for the investment Synbiota needed to include the Highlands in their plans.

HCDC general manager, Andy Campbell didn't divulge the investment total, citing confidentiality restrictions related to loans and investments.

Southwest Innovative World Technologies contest and believes this investment has great potential for a return, whether it's from the company's discoveries or how it can be an ambassador to the world to show off Haliburton. It shows other biotech businesses we're open for business, he said.

Blake said this is HCDC's first biotech company they've invested in and the second time for an equity position. This invest-

The HCDC investment may be small compared to Montreal-based venture capital company, VentureLAB, but it was the first.

Fleming College was chosen as the perfect place for not only its location, as it is close to the Pinestone Resort, but also its high-speed and broadband WiFi connectivity.

A grant from the federal government matched by the company paid for the participants in #ScienceHack.

On Saturday, the group enjoyed a field trip to Maple Moon Estate Winery for a break and an insight to maple syrup production, snowshoeing and the wine production in the Highlands.

Dickie said to expect more events and Synbiota initiatives to be held here.

#ScienceHack isn't Synbiota's first event

Last summer, they brought 12 people who conducted research and stayed in the Highlands for close to a month. One of those was a software developer who helped develop software for #ScienceHack.

Another participant, Kevin Chen, a biochemistry masters student from Montreal, appreciated the opportunity to return to conduct research with the diverse group.

"It's a really good practice for us and for others to take after this to improve communication skills as far as promoting their own science [to the public] ... to even other scientists," he said.

Pahara, a synthetic biologist with 10 years of research experience and who holds a doctorate in biotechnology from Cambridge University in the United Kingdom, was happy with the participants, and believes all results are good, even negative ones.

"Introducing this technology and still being able to put his information on the Internet because in science positive results are great, but negative results are also great. People can learn from stuff that didn't work and currently in science that doesn't happen," he said. "So, if nothing worked here people will still be able to look at all the information. They'll be able to try and investigate why things didn't work and move forward because it's all about moving forward incrementally regardless."

Ultimately, Dickie wants to put Canada on the biotech map.

"We want to really show Canada and the world Canada is a major player in this new biotechnology movement and that Canada has a long history of natural resource management and exploiting natural resources so that we can live and have business here in this country. This new technology plays off of that and makes those natural resources even more valuable," he said.

This is a first step in making Canada one of the top world centres for this kind of technology," he said.

See #ScienceHack's results at synbiota. com/projects/450/.

For more information about Synbiota see www.synbiota.com.



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Margo Sampson of Haliburton snapped this picture of a swan.



Ralph Mintz sent in this photo of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association Fish Hatchery. Check out that ice.

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Andrea Mueller sent in this photo and wrote, "Our snowmen are even 'blue' because of the lack of the spring weather."



Community Care Haliburton County staff send a shout out to all the CCHC volunteers. National Volunteer Week is April 6 to 12 and they want to show their appreciation for all that their volunteers do to make their client's lives better! Staff, from left, Judy Cumming, Brigitte Gebauer, Ida Schultz, Maureen Ruttig, Janet Wood, Nancy Brownsberger, Brenda Bain, Sherry Mulholland and Thalia Nash. Submitted by Brigitte Gebauer





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Book of the month



HCPL's Book of the Month

River of Stars by Guy Gavriel Kay

In 12th Dynasty Kitai, the fates of a warrior, a free spirit, and an emperor collide in a tale of intrigue, romance, and war.

Ren Daiyan was still just a boy when he took the lives of seven men while guarding an imperial magistrate of Kitai, eventually launching him into a military career serving the emperor of a region hurtling towards war.

Lin Shan is the daughter of a scholar. Gifted as a songwriter and calligrapher, she finds herself living a life suspended between two worlds. Her intelligence captivates an emperor and alienates the women at court, drawing her into the savage politics of the day.

Emperor Wenzong rules an empire divided by bitter factions, but the exquisitely cultured emperor loves his gardens and his art far more than the burdens of governing.

Dramatic events on the northern steppe of Kitai alter the balance of power in the world, leading, under the river of stars, to consequences no one could have foretold.

River of Stars by Guy Gavriel Kay is available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library and a nominee for the 2014 Evergreen Award.

Read as many on the Evergreen list as you like and vote for your favourite in October

Library News

Outreach Literacy will be offering an eight-week Computer Connections program at the Dysart branch starting April 17.

The program will cover everything from parts of the computer to spreadsheets to using the Internet and everything in between. Adults 19 to 64 may be assessed for eligibility. To register contact Debbie Hamilton at 705-328-0472 or 1-888-665-6615 x 925. Space is limited.

Watch for more news from the Haliburton County Public Library alternating weeks in the *Haliburton Echo* and *Minden*

Darren Lum Staff

Any ice huts on lakes past the removal deadline of March 31 face an initial \$125 fine. Anglers who don't comply can face a \$25,000 fine, imprisonment up to a year, or both.

On turning 91

So now that I'm turning 91
Does that mean that there is no more fun?
No more going off to dance
No more thinking of romance.
No more playing the cribbage game
Yes, it sure does have a funny name.
No more helping down at the school.
No more following the golden rule.
No more visiting my friends at Highland Wood
Gee, that always made one feel so good.
And bingo's all done after the winter
season

They try to tell me they have a good reason!

Well, maybe when all the snow is gone

from the ground
I'll be able to get around
I'll be able to kick up my heels and dance
Maybe even find a little romance.
Have the cards in my hands again
You know you have to use your brain.
Help the Grade 3 kids to learn to read
good

And see those friends again at Highland Wood And bingo will start up again in the fall But I don't think I will miss it at all And when I can walk as well as run It won't be so bad to be 91.

Ev Stata

Time's up for ice huts

Darren Lum

Staff reporter

It might not look it, but it's time to take your ice hut off the lakes.

The Ministry of Natural Resources is reminding anglers in the Highlands of the ice hut regulations, which include the ice hut removal deadline of March 31.

MNR senior media relations officer Jolanta Kowalski said anglers who don't adhere to regulations face an initial fine of \$150, plus victim surcharge and court costs.

Any subsequent offence or when a [conservation] officer "believes that a warning or a minimal fine is not sufficient to get voluntary compliance in the future, the officer may require the person to attend court and

the court will assign an appropriate fine," she writes in an email.

She adds the maximum fine allowed under the Fish and Wildlife Conversation Act for this sort of offence is a maximum of \$25,000, to imprisonment for not more than one year, or both a fine and imprisonment.

Although it doesn't apply necessarily this year, under the Public Lands Act it is an offence to leave an ice hut after ice break-up regardless of whether registration and removal dates apply.

The prohibition does not apply to portable huts made of cloth or synthetic fabric that have a basal area of seven square metres or less when erected, she adds.

She reminds anglers to see the 2014 Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary at Ontario.ca/fishing.

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Community Care change

On March 17, Nancy Brownsberger became the new community outreach co-ordinator for Community Care Haliburton County. The social work graduate, who worked in various positions at SIRCH Community Services for six years, says she's already feeling settled: "It's a fantastic team here and I've been welcomed with open arms, it just feels great." She is overseeing the fundraising and marketing plan, the emergency response service and is working on partnership development and outreach to extend the reach of Community Care's programs. Brownsberger says she is excited for her new position and for continuing to helping the community "That's really my professional goal, to just help make a difference, leave the world a better place than when I arrived."

Zach Cox Staff

Culture and tourism come together



Brainstorming session covers expansion of arts 'gems' in the county

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

The arts and culture sector within the county is vital to the health of tourism in the Haliburton Highlands and Amanda Ranson wants to see that partnership

The director of tourism for Haliburton County met with area artists, stakeholders and culture advocates at a meeting facilitated by the Haliburton Highlands Arts Council on March 26 to gather input and feedback on supporting the arts in the

Held at the Haliburton School of the Arts, approximately 40 people participated in a brainstorming session to discuss further expansion of local galleries, festivals, events and other "gems" within the county.

Arts council chairwoman Chris Lynd applauded Ranson, who stepped into the tourism director role within the last year, for recognizing that arts and culture is a pillar of tourism in the Highlands.

This is the first time, I think, that I can remember where someone has stood up and said that the arts, culture and heritage [has an impact] on tourism," said Lynd. 'This is important to us, this is a great step."

Ranson outlined some of the areas she has targeted since assuming the role as tourism director, including developing a brand for the county, establishing a new logo (#MyHaliburtonHighlands) and incorporating social media into marketing and promotions for the area.

While there are many popular "cultural gems" in the Highlands, such as the Sculpture Forest, the Haliburton County Studio Tour and the Arts and Crafts Festival, there are many undiscovered attractions in the

Examples of these, compiled by those in attendance, included Winter Folk Camp, water and hiking trails, the Festival of the August Moon, mineral tours and more.

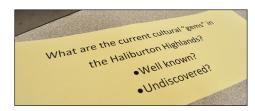
Participants were then asked to brainstorm ideas on how to polish these undiscovered gems.

Ideas included helping stakeholders use social media in new and different ways, organizing a distribution system for promotional materials, organizing familiarization tours and getting more young people involved with arts and culture organiza-

"Gems polish gems," said Laurie Carmount, curator of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, suggesting that those behind established events and organizations could help mentor and guide new artists, groups or

Going forward Ranson encouraged those involved in the arts and culture sector to contact her for help with promotion and

"We are a community, send me an email," she said. "It's me running the [county] social media. I'm a resource; use



Questions to provoke discussion were posed.



Angelica Blenich Staff

Artists and tourism stakeholders gather at the Haliburton School of the Arts on March 26, taking part in a brainstorming meeting facilitated by the Haliburton Highlands Arts Council and the Haliburton County tourism department. Participants came up with ideas to further promote arts and culture in the area. From left, Tammy Rea, Marc Schroetter, Laurie Carmount and Tom Green.



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> — Arts council chairwoman Chris Lynd



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Grief recovery group starting this month

SIRCH Community Services, in concert with the Haliburton Highlands Bereavement Network, is starting a program of grief support.

Those supports will include grief groups, opportunities for organizations to gain supports for their staff, as well as public forums about grief, the effects and how to cope.

In Haliburton County, SIRCH's Marilyn Rydberg will co-ordinate the comprehensive support system, including Level 1 and 2 grief recovery groups, and public lunch-and-learn sessions. The first grief recovery group will begin in April.

Grief affects nearly all of us. Most have lost a friend, many a spouse, child, parent, or sibling.

We all grieve differently and we all need support from family and friends. Sometimes when the loss you've experienced has had a profound impact, or sometimes when you have experienced multiple losses, you may need someone with grief expertise to help you make sense of it.

Group facilitators for the grief recovery have been trained by Lyle Horn, MDiv, who has provided Hospice Peterborough's bereavement support groups for over 20 years.

He developed a curriculum, based on his expertise and experience, that is structured to provide information, support, and strategies.

All facilitators in Haliburton have been trained by Horn. Dorothy Owens and Garry Swagerman will co-facilitate the first group, starting in April. Groups will meet at SIRCH in Haliburton, Thursday, April 17 to June 19 from 2 to 4 p.m.

The goal of the program is to help people who are grieving process the difficult emotions they are encountering and help discover new ways to move forward in their lives.

In this safe and confidential support group you can have the ongoing support of the facilitators and other individuals who can share the journey.

The grief recovery services are currently being funded through the Gifts from the Heart Catalogue. Additional donations to this worthy endeavour would be appreciated. www.sirch.on.ca



Haliburton Highlands Chapter 54

FREE WALK-IN TAX CLINICS

CARP Chapter 54 is planning a number of free walk-in Tax Clinics to help low income residents and seniors fill out their income tax and benefit returns.* Dates and locations are as follows:

DORSET: April 9 - 12:30 to 4:00 pm

Dorset Recreation Centre 1051 Main St. Dorset

KINMOUNT: April 15 - 12:30 to 4:00 pm

Kinmount Legion,

11 County Road 503, Kinmount

GOODERHAM: April 23 - 12:30 to 4:00 pm

Robert McCausland Comm. Centre, 1043 Community Centre Rd, Gooderham

*PLEASE NOTE: Volunteers do not complete returns for deceased persons or their beneficiaries, bankrupt individuals, or individuals who have capital gains or losses, employment expenses, or business or rental income and expenses.

This program is being held in conjunction with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Preparation (CVITP) program through the Canada Revenue Agency.

This program has been funded by the New Horizons for Seniors Program

Wilberforce Curling Club to host flea market this summer

Angelica Blenich Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 25 meeting of Highlands East council.

Those who have something to sell should head out to Wilberforce this

The Wilberforce Curling Club is going to host a summer flea market, on Saturdays inside the facility from the May long weekend through to Labour Day weekend.

Previously held at Agnew's General Store, the market will feature products such as baked goods, crafts, plants and more, according to Tammy Vaughan, president of the curling club.

While details are still being finalized, the initiative will allow vendors to setup a table for however many weekends they would like, said Councillor Joan

Held both indoors and outside, the market is a way to "bring people into the community and also learn of locally made products," wrote Vaughan in a proposal to council.

The market will not take place on the weekend of the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair.

Council supports OPP mail-out

Highlands East will be supporting a request from Haliburton County council to lobby residents about the proposed OPP billing model.

If approved, the new formula would see policing costs in the county rise significantly, from about \$3.3 million to \$8.5 million.

Councillors discussed how best to go about the campaign and whether or not to include the letter to ratepayers in the upcoming tax bill.

"I think it's time sensitive info," said Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge, adding she believed it should be mailed out sooner than that.

Councillor Cec Ryall agreed and said it was important to let residents know the new model was "flawed."

Chief administrative officer and treasurer Sharon Stoughton-Craig rec-

ommended that council avoid sending out a lengthy letter, and instead just include the facts, which she believed would be more effective.

A resolution to do an informative mail-out was carried.

Septic inspection partnership

Highlands East will be moving forward on a septic inspection program with the Peterborough County City Health Unit.

Representatives from the health unit spoke to members of council at their earlier meeting, outlining with a partnership would look like, fees and requirements.

Barton believed the proposal looked good and it would be beneficial for the municipality to establish a relationship with the health unit.

Stoughton-Craig said the next step would see the health unit presenting Highlands East with a multi-year contract, to review and accept.

A resolution to accept the proposal was passed.

Library sneak peek

Those looking to see what's behind the doors of the new Wilberforce library will soon have their chance.

The library will be open to the public on April 19, for an unofficial open house.

The grand opening of the new building will be held sometime later this spring, said Burton.

Hours for the sneak peek will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., however, those times have not yet been finalized.

Fees waived for Winter Games

A request from the Ontario 55+ Winter Games organizing committee to use the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena and the Lloyd Watson Centre at no charge has been approved.

The 2015 games are scheduled to take place next February.

The municipality waived similar fees for the same event when it took place in Haliburton County in 2011.



District School Board Regional Chess Qualifier on Friday, March 28 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. There were 95 students from Grade 1 to 8, who came from six schools including JDHES and from across Muskoka and one from Omemee. Darren Lum Staff



Grade 4 student Nick Pamplin from JDHES makes his move.



Grade 5 student Holly Parish takes a moment to select the right piece to put her strategy into play.

THE SPRING COUPO **EVENT IS BACK**

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Six J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School students qualified for the 2014 Canadian Chess Challenge Ontario Championships after a strong performance at the Trillium Lakelands District School Board Regional Qualifier on Friday, March 28 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. JDHES, which had 17 competitors, was the only local entry of six schools at the event that drew 95 students from Haliburton, Muskoka and Omemee. There was a two-year hiatus for the event normally hosted by Haliburton.

Grade 4 (top two qualify for Ontario Championships)

- 1. Nicholas Pamplin
- 2. Nick Phippen
- 4. Aiden Hill
- 6. Ben Robinson
- Grade 5 (top two qualify)
- 1. Logan Heaven 2. Lily Austin

- 3. Carson Phillips
- 4. Holly Parish
- 18. Jacob Dobson Grade 7 (top two qualify)
- 3. Aiden Coles Grade 8 (top two qualify)
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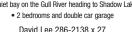


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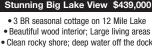
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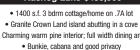


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Sports

A complete team effort led to historic Highland Storm win

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Brydges Cougars 7-2 on Saturday at packed A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

Storm coach Drew Bishop smiled, talking about his team and the journey to take the best-of-five series over the Cougars in four games after dropping the series opener.

"That just goes to their character about how they battle and how they just won't quit and won't give up. Like I said, it's been a journey to get here. I'm proud to be with them all the way through this journey," he said, adding tryouts for the team were held in August.

Although there was a strong contingent of support from Mount Brydges, the hometown enthusiasm was undeniable with the thunderous applause and cheers following every big hit or goal in the game. Many even stayed following the medal and trophy ceremony as the players skated with the trophy around the perimeter of the rink.

Fans were amazed by how full the arena was, leaving some to stand by the glass, behind the seating stands and even at the windowed area on the second floor.

If anybody believed this team was dependent on one line (as one accounted for many of the team's total in the deciding game) or a few stars, Bishop was quick to correct the assumption, saying his entire team deserved the credit.

"We had the kind of team that if you wanted to try and shut down one or two players, you go right ahead because we got another two lines that'll kill you," he said.

He adds, every one of his lines is special.

Storm player Owen Patterson-Smith scored the gamewinner. Smith and teammate Kyle Cooper each had a pair of goals and an assist while Ethan Keefer had the most points with four assists for the Storm.

Cougars captain Joey Capirchio, who had a goal and an assist, led his team in the loss.

Despite being the odds-on favourite coming into the series, Bishop ensured his players remain focused.

"Statisically we were favourites, but I tried to tell these guys to make them prepared and aware that the other team is here in the finals because they are a good team and beat everybody else to get here," he said. "So, it's about being mentally prepared as well as being, perhaps better, but it doesn't matter if you're statistically better you still have to be better on the ice.'

Many of the players have been together for years, since the atom division.

Although there are benefits to this, ultimately every one of them bought into the team concept.

"Everybody wants the puck, but sometimes you have to give it up and when they give up the puck to their [teammate] that's when we scored," he said.

The final score might not show it, but outside of the first period the game was close, particularly in the second and early in the third period.

Before four unanswered Storm goals in the third, the Cougars made a game of it when they scored a powerplay goal with a two-man advantage early in the third to narrow the deficit to a goal, 3-2.

The tension was short-lived as Storm player Chase Burden added an important insurance marker.

Bishop, who loved his team's work ethic and never-saydie attitude, liked having the 4-2 lead early in the third period.

"It's not so far ahead your team is going to sit back and you still have to work hard to get to the end. We had a real good intermission speech. The kids come out, fired up," he said. "I told them they had to work hard for 15 minutes. The battle's not over; you got to go right to the buzzer.'









Clockwise, from top, goalie Parker Smolen, far right, kisses the trophy; the crowds went crazy after the buzzer to end the game; team manager **Barry Boice** hugs Smolen; and parking for the game was hard to come by, as the arena was to capacity for the OMHA **Bantam B Division** Championship at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton on Saturday.

Photos on this page and next by Darren Lum









Clockwise, from top, the bantam A team celebrate with a team photo, posing with the A.A. Ash Morrison Trophy; Chase Burden looks for the loose puck, Owen Patterson-Smith follows through on a goal; the alternate captains, from left, Andrew Hall, Paydon Miscio and Jacob Bishop hold the trophy and Chris Thompson rushes the puck.



Between a rock and a fun place

Darren Lum Staff reporter

The Haliburton Curling Club's Youth Curling Program is reflecting on its past year with reason to celebrate following its last day on Tues-

With 34 elementary school aged participants, the club saw a significant jump from the average of 25 participants the past three years.

The program's convenor and coach, Bob MacNaull said the popularity grew from word of mouth, exposure in the local media such as the *Echo* and has benefited the entire group, particularly the youngest players.

"They see what the other kids are doing and it raises their level and awareness of what's expected of them," he said.

The club provided instruction, but also taught team play, discipline and cooperation necessary for success in the 20-week offering. Every participant is provided with brooms, grippers and sliders every Tuesday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Transportation for the participants is provided by the club, who appreciate and thankful to those that have helped sponsor.

In the past three years the club has also sent two competitive youth teams to the elementary school pro-

This year isn't any different, as the club sent three teams to the Fenelon Falls Curling Club on Feb. 15. Despite the competition, the teams focused on fun and teamwork.

Later this week, the club will send three more teams for the Timbits Ontario Provincial Elementary School Championships in Gravenhurst from April 2 to 6.

One of those players competing is fifth year participant, Brian Wheeler.

He said he learned how to curl and had fun during his five years with the youth club. But, more importantly, he developed the sense of cooperation, teamwork and formed lasting friendships.

He's excited about the upcoming Timbits competition, but doesn't expect to continue past the year.

"After that that's pretty much it so we're going to enjoy it while it lasts,"

His teammate, Chris Draper, who has also been with the club for five years, said he has every intention of continuing to curl.

He enjoys competing and being the skip for his boy's team, but he loves the camaraderie and the friendships he has formed.

The Grade 8 student wants to make the high school team next year and looks at former club member Jake Walker, who is a former 2010 world junior champion, as what the ceiling is for a curler from here.

"I do have the confidence of chieving this goal because of more practice on the ice, having fun as well. Hopefully, I can make it up there," he said.

Walker is a curling professional and recently made a run at earning a berth to the Brier.

The list of coaches/volunteers include Dave Ablett, Melanie Aldom, Ron Draper, Dave Harris, Stephanie Kuno, Terry Lawrence, Anne Mac-Naull, Lolita Mitchell, Hugh Nichol, Dave Ogilvie, Tom Parish, Nancy Walker and Morten Wiken.



J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School student **Emily Parish** focuses on her shot at the Haliburton **Curling Club's** youth program afternoon on Tuesday, March

Darren Lum Staff





Above, Haliburton Curling Club volunteer Dave Ogilvie, crouching, takes a measurement, surrounded by Youth Program participants at the club on Tuesday, March 25. This year the club had 34 participants, two high school curlers and 14 adult volunteer coaches.

Left, Chris Draper slides while playing in the Haliburton Curling Club's Youth Program on Tuesday, March 25. Draper, who is the skip of the JDHES boys' team going to the 2014 Timbits Ontario Provincial Elementary School Championships in Gravenhurst, is appreciates the Haliburton club and how it has helped his curling develop.

Darren Lum Staff

gress of the players, whether it's his rookies or veterans like Wheeler and

"The kids who have been coming out for the past two or three years, of course, have continued to improve. They're now at the point where they are going out to competitions and they're being quite competitive at those competitions," he said.

Next year the club, he said, expects to expand the youth program to include bantam (up to 16)

from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Right now the club holds Friday nights for the three teams preparing for Timbits.

Second-year participant Mac-Kenzie Tidey said there are life lessons in curling.

"Even if you win or lose the game it doesn't really matter. It matters how you played," she said.

MacKenzie, who has been preparing to play in the upcoming Timbits competition, said she gets her

MacNaull loves to see the proaged curlers on Friday evenings love from her grandfather who has competed, including the provin-

> A volunteer since 2011, Dave Olgivie, was impressed by the development of this year's group. "What's remarkable is their improvement," he said, mainly attributed to the addition of three more volunteers for more one-on-one. "The first week they couldn't get it past the hogline."



I do have the confidence of achieving this goal.

— Chris Draper

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Sixth place finish for HHSS skate team

From left, Larissa Stephenson, Vivian Collings, Bethany Little, Shae MacNaull, Ainsley Little, Callie Dick and Ariel Weiss. (Coaches absent from the photo: Jane Symons and HHSS staff rep Jackie Mayhew.)

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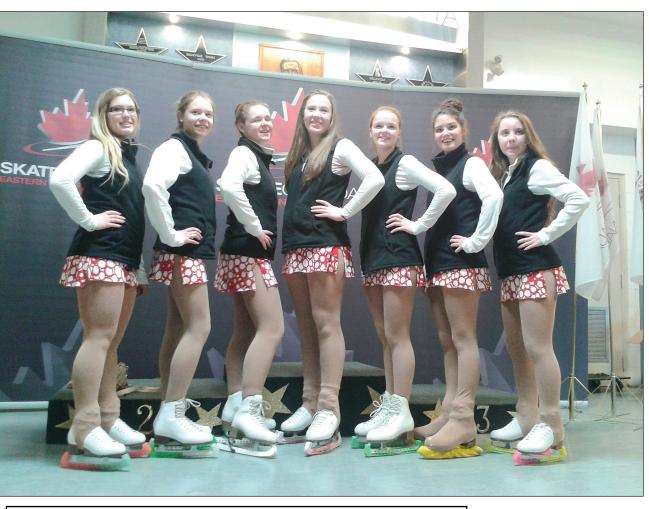
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The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School figure skating team skated strongly at the Eastern Ontario High School Invitational skating competition.

All of our skaters performed well, which culminated in a sixth place finish out of 24 schools.

First place finishes for Shae MacNaull and Ariel Weiss in the Triathlon event and Bethany Little and Callie Dick in their dance number.

Vivian Collings, Ainsley Little, and Larissa Stephenson all had strong performances during the day.

Submitted by Judi Paul

Firefighters' calendar to raise money for department

Harcourt

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What a busy month March has been! In the 31 days of March, the Harcourt area has had its share of ups and

A very hot topic of course being the over-abundance of wild turkey and bunny rabbit activity.

Could this be the long awaited wild turkey turf-war shakedown? Stunning video tracked taunting back-andforth action in a hip-hop type pattern created by the bunny

Was this a dance, a simple game of hop scotch or just a good "hare" day? We can't be sure.

"Once the snow falls they will be harder to track," cries

"Once the snow melts they will be harder to track," cries

Other more skeptical experts predict the countdown to Easter has begun.

In other news, an outraged group of local independent growers and potters are doing their best to mellow-out after the recent decision to allow a government-regulated marijuana facility into Haliburton.

What about the legality of all the professional potters in the area? How will this affect them? Did anyone think about these ceramic artists? Will they still be allowed to spin one by themselves and simply sell their pot to just anyone?

All the different types of homegrown plants, pots and artistic treats produced in the area to delight our senses are now threatened, say many grassroots organizations.

Meanwhile on St. Patrick's Day, the Paudash Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club was the lucky winner of \$500 towards the club!

The contest held by the South Algonquin Cookhouse asked all snowmobilers who stopped at the restaurant over several months to fill out a ballot and vote for their favourite club. Congratulations, Trail Blazers!

Like every week, there is a fine mix of entertainment and community events in the Harcourt News Network region. There's a little bit of country and a little bit of rock and roll at the South Algonquin Cookhouse as they clear the stage for open mike night, kicking off at 7 p.m. every Wednesday night. Across the road at the Harcourt Community Centre there's weekly Wednesday night bingo, also starting at 7

Gotta love getting lucky in downtown Harcourt Thursday nights too! Go alone or join your friends at progressive euchre dealing at the Harcourt Community Centre every Thursday at 7 p.m.! Last week a lucky Highland Grove resident reported winning \$5!

Diane Doiron of Magnificent Hill in Highland Grove and volunteer firefighter with the Highlands East Fire Department is introducing a 2015 Highlands East Fire Department fundraising calendar.

All proceeds of the sale of the calendars will be going towards purchasing equipment, training and purchasing badly needed equipment and supplies. The calendars will

Ham dinner an enjoyment to all **West Guilford**

Eleanor Cooper

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Maple Lake United Church hosted a ham dinner on Saturday, March 29, with two settings, all to the background entertainment of Norris Turner and Beth Jones on guitar and violin respectively to the enjoyment of all. Earl's birthday part on March 27 was celebrated with 30-plus people calling in with good wishes on his 87th. Thanks to all who participated in the celebration and made many happy memories for us. Elizabeth Thompson informs us that on April 18, Good Friday, the West Guilford Gospel Chapel invites all the community to a free breakfast at the community centre at 10 a.m. A speaker, Dan Salmans, will be featured. Euchre scores: High - Tina Hadley and Peter LaPlante. Low-Diane Madonik and Perry Morrison. Most lone hands - Liz Jesseman and Ron Bain.

be ready for sale by July 1, 2014. If you are interested in advertising, please contact Diane at 705-448-9453 or diane. doiron@me.com.

And sadly, we lost an amazing son, husband, father and a great friend this month. Kevin Ferguson from Allen Lake, Harcourt Park succumbed to his injuries at the scene of the tragic snowmobile accident.

His passenger was airlifted to Toronto and remains in hospital. Our hearts and thoughts go to friends and family.





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Life lessons with model UN conference

Darren Lum

Staff reporter

When you see how much fire burns in their eyes it's easy to feel hopeful about the future.

The Ecĥo met with several of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students, who were part of a group of 14 participants at the 15th annual Chaminade Model United Nations (CHAMUN) at the North York Centre from March

Although inclement weather delayed the students' departure, forcing them to miss the opening ceremonies and the first day, the group still had an invaluable experience that instilled self-confidence, enhanced decisionmaking skills and taught them about world events.

The student-run event draws close to 200 participants from high schools mainly from the Toronto area, who each represent a country. Divided into two groups, the students are either in the approximately 180-member general assembly, working on resolving issues such as the implica-

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Thanks to all those who apply. Only those considered for an interview will be contacted.

Coming Events





Highlands Secondary School CHAMUN 2014 group, from front row, Colt Taylor, left, Robbie Orlowski, Tori Hawley, Cassandra Johannssen, Emma Cox, Rebecca Kidd, Taylor Urquhart, teacher, Catherine Andress, back row, Alyssa Denyer, CHAMUN organizer, unknown, Angus Sullivan, Ryot Munshaw, Peter Martin, top, Matt Sexmith, Stan Riley and Jonathon Prestwich. Submitted by Paul Longo

tions of the use of drones, the militarization of children and the humanitarian crisis in Central African Republic; or the 20-delegate crisis committee on situations during pre-Sec-

The crisis committee faced ongoing challenges and was a more intense experience of the two. This left the HHSS representatives Ryot Munshaw and Angus Sullivan, excited and in awe of the proceedings.

"All of us were first-time delegates so especially when you're walking into the crisis committee these people all know their stuff. I mean for Angus and I we're flying completely blind. We had no prior experience in a model UN let alone a crisis committee," Ryot said.

"It was fun regardless. I think that the crisis committee and the general assembly you're definitely taking away public speaking skills and just wanting to learn more about the world," he said.

Angus said deviating from history and being part of the UN instead of the League of Nations they were able to get more done. The difference, he said, was greater unity and more power to follow through with decisions.

Ryot added the focus on working together was paramount in the committee's success and highlighted how this can be a problem in the real world where co-operation isn't always the focus.

The Grade 11 students were chosen for the crisis committee due to their passion for the conference, said the group's facilitator Paul Longo.

He said this conference is arguably the best one in the

The opportunity was open to the entire student population, but this year's group only included Grade 10 and 11

Longo tested the interested students to assess interest.

He asked them to submit a paper stating the position of one of the Security Council countries (U.S., France, Britain,

The students, who were all new to the mock United Nations, had close to a month to prepare for the conference after Longo assigned the countries.

Grade 10 student Alyssa Denyer, who represented Mongolia, is not just more informed about the world now, but is far more conscious and curious about it.

"It's made me look at the way that I say things differently. It was all so formal that I've been trying to improve my vocabulary and what I learn about. I'm watching the news more and paying attention more," she said.

Coming in late was a little intimidating, as everyone was in the full swing of things when they arrived, she said.

In preparation for the conference some students found the research effort unsettling.

Matt Sexsmith was the representative of the Democratic Republic of Congo and was disturbed by what he learned.

"I honestly can't stop thinking about the injustices that are happening in the Congo right now," he said. "I looked up everything there is to know about the Congo and it's bad."

Congo has the highest concentration of child soldiers in the world.

Grade 11 student Taylor Urquhart is looking at how every country is connected.

"Whenever something major happens on the news I start wondering: what would this country think about that and what would they try to do or what would the country I was representing, which was the U.K., would do?" he said.

Longo, who attributes former teacher and current Archie Stouffer Elementary School principal Traci Hubbert, with the start of the student trip close to 14 years ago, said all of the students get to socialize with others who are passionate about being aware of the world.

It shows them what they say matters and they can make a difference, he said.

"Not only can they hold their own, but they can shine," he said. "There is also a lot of personal growth that I've seen in kids. They get there they're nervous and shy and don't want to say anything. Once they break that ice of talking to a few other people and sending notes and pages about what is going on ... all of a sudden they build up their courage to say something in front of a couple a hundred people and say something intelligent. It's a big deal."

He has been facilitating this group since its second year. Longo hopes more students join him next year in seeing the world for the first time.





Not only can they hold their own. but they can shine.

> — HHSS Teacher Paul Longo



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Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Fridays: Meat draw five draws, five prizes

Desi Davies of Wilberforce Elementary School placed third in the Zone Public Speak-

ing in Peterborough on March 22. Congratu-

each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets are \$2 per draw - Chester Howse, MC.

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Monday Bid Euchre 7 p.m. Executive Meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday Wednesday Fun Darts

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ten to great music Saturday Meat Draw **Upcoming Events**

Sunday, April 27 the branch will be holding its Ladies Auxiliary Appreciation Dinner to honour the efforts of our ladies who give so much of their time in so many ways to support branch 624. Those who wish to come out to show their appreciation of the efforts are welcome to join us for the dinner at 4 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at the bar \$12 per person. Everyone welcome.

TO: ANY PARTY HAVING TITLE INTEREST IN THE LANDS UNDER APPLICATION known as Lots 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, Concessions 7 and 8 in the Geographic Township of Harburn, Township of Dysart et al., County of Haliburton and/or the Personal Representative of his, her or their estates or his, her or

RE: PIN 39153-0308 (LT) being all of Lots 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, Concession 7, Part of Lots 21 and 22, Concession 8, All of Lots 23 and 24, Concession 8, Part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lots 23, 24 and 25, Concession 7 and Part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lots 21, 22, 23 and 24, Concession 8 (closed by By-Law No. 2010-55 registered as HA9533), Geographic Township of Harburn, Township of Dysart et al, County of Haliburton, designated as Part 1 on the draft Reference Plan of Survey signed by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated February 20, 2014.

AND RE: PIN 39153-0309 (LT) being Part of Lot 26, Concession 7 and Part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 26, Concession 7 (closed by By-Law No. 2010-55 registered as HA9533), Geographic Township of Harburn, Township of Dysart et al, County of Haliburton, designated as Part 2 on the draft Reference Plan of Survey signed by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated February 20, 2014.

The said draft Reference Plan of Survey signed by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., and dated February 20, 2014 is attached to an application registered as Instrument No. HA30878 and is available for inspection at the Haliburton County Land Registry Office (No. 19) or the office of the Solicitor for the Applicant:

Land Registry Office No. 19 12 Newcastle Street Solicitor for the Applicant: Minden, Ontario 1984 Yonge Street Toronto, Ontario, M4S 1Z7

TAKE NOTICE THAT GREIF BROS. CANADA INC. herein referred to as the Applicant has made application registered as Instrument No. HA30878 to be registered under the Land Titles Act as the owner in fee simple with an absolute title to the above described land

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Dated at Toronto, this 25 day of March, 2014.

Solicitor for the Applicant:

JAYSON SCHWARZ 1984 Yonge Street Toronto, Ontario

NOTICE

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RE: PIN 39153-0315 (LT) being Part of Lot 24, Concessions 5 and 6, All of Lot 25, Concessions 5 and 6, Geographic Township of Harburn, Township of Dysart et al., County of Haliburton, designated as Part 1 on the draft Reference Plan of Survey signed by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated February 25, 2014.

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BOARD APPOINTMENT

Workforce Development Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Lauren Forbes to our Board of Directors representing Business - Haliburton.

Over the past 30 years, Lauren has absorbed the full range of business experiences, including operating a retail store, running a fitness club and managing her own service business. Offering a range of consulting experience from business start-ups to expansions, Lauren currently provides bookkeeping and accounting services, as well as serving as a part-time controller and coach for many of her clients.

Employing her wide-ranging business experience, Lauren formulated the "Creating Your Own Business Plan" workshop, which she has delivered to over 500 entrepreneurs through the Self Employment Assistance program, Humber College, and Georgian College. Lauren has also facilitated for the YWCA's Women in Business Program.

As mentor to many entrepreneurs, Lauren takes a "real-life" approach in her presentations and her delivery style has been described as entertaining, engaging and thought provoking.

Workforce Development Board is a not-for-profit organization located in Peterborough and serving Northumberland, Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton. Founded in 1996, WDB is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to provide labour market information, coordinate employment and training services, and engage employer communities.

NOTICE

TO: ANY PARTY HAVING TITLE INTEREST IN THE LANDS UNDER APPLICATION known as Lots 18, 19 and 20, Concessions 5 and 6 in the Geographic Township of Harburn, Township of Dysart et al., County of Haliburton and/or the Personal Representative of his, her or their estates or his, her or their

RE: PIN 39153-0307 (LT) being ALL of Lots 18, 19 and 20, Concession 5 and Part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lots 18, 19 and 20, Concession 5 (closed by By-Law No. 2010-56 registered as HA9538), All of Lots 19 and 20, Concession 6 and Part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lots 19 and 20, Concession 6 (closed by By-Law No. 2010-56 registered as HA9538), Geographic Township of Harburn, Township of Dysart et al, County of Haliburton, designated as Part 1 on the draft Reference Plan of Survey signed by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated February 22, 2014.

The said draft Reference Plan of Survey signed by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., and dated February 22, 2014 is attached to an application registered as **Instrument No. HA30877** and is available for inspection at the Haliburton County Land Registry Office (No. 19) or the office of the Solicitor for the Applicant:

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Municipality of Dysart et al

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT
PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

DATE: Monday May 5th, 2014

• TIME: 5:00 pr

LOCATION: Council Chambers in the Municipal Office 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

- 1. Lands of Greif Bros Canada Inc.:
 - Purpose and Effect:
 - (i) Application to amend the Official Plan: the proposed amendment will add a special policy overlay, *Special Area SSSP-7* to the Rural Areas designation. *Special Area SSSP-7* will permit the proponent to develop the subject lands for dog sled tour business and a horseback riding tour business that has access over a private road.
 - (ii) Application to amend the Zoning By-law: the proposed by-law will change the zone on the subject lands as follows:
 - Base camp: a site specific Tourist Commercial zone (CT-xx), which will permit a dog sled tour business and a horseback riding business. Accessory uses are restricted and may include a gift shop and warming house, where light refreshment may be served.
 - The Environmental Protection zone (EP) is further defined to protect the existing wetlands.
 - Remainder of the property: Open Space Exception-1: the remaining lands will be zoned to exclude all buildings and structures.
 - This property is the subject of Applications for Consent H-006/14 and H-007/14.
 - Location: Part Lots 18, 19 and 20, Concessions 3 and 4 in the Geographic Township of Harburn (off the extension of Hodgson Road in the south-central part of the Township of Harburn).
- 2. Lands of Mathies, McCormick and Mathies-McCormick:
 - Purpose and Effect:
 - (i) Application to amend the Official Plan: the proposed amendment will add a special policy overlay, Special Area LSP-4 to the Waterfront Areas designation. Special Area LSP-4 adds a special policy area to recognize that the subject lands are an "area of use limitation" but do not satisfy the required lot frontage and area criteria. The owners have submitted a site evaluation report that demonstrates that the proposed lot is suitable for development.
 - This property is the subject of Application for Consent H-064/13 and this official plan amendment application applies to the severed parcel only.
 - Location: Part Lots 6 and 7, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Dudley (1774
 Blueberry Trail, Drag Lake).

ANY PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY may attend the Public Meeting and/or make written or verbal representations either in support of or in opposition to the proposed official plan amendment or the proposed by-law amendment.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the adoption of the proposed <u>official plan amendment</u>, or of the refusal of a request to amend the official plan, you must make a written request to the <u>Municipality of Dysart et al</u>, P.O. Box 389, Haliburton, Ontario KOM 1SO.

APPEAL PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT:

- If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written
 submissions to the <u>Municipality of Dysart et al</u> before the proposed official plan amendment is
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 (who are the approval authority) to the Ontario Municipal Board.
- If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written
 submissions to the <u>Municipality of Dysart et al</u> before the proposed official plan amendment is
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 the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do
 so.

${\it APPEAL\ PROVISIONS\ WITH\ RESPECT\ TO\ THE\ PROPOSED\ ZONING\ BY-LAW\ AMENDMENT:}$

- If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written
 submissions to the <u>Municipality of Dysart et al</u> before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the
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 Ontario Municipal Board.
- If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written
 submissions to the <u>Municipality of Dysart et al</u> before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the
 person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario
 Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the <u>proposed official plan amendment</u> and the <u>proposed zoning by-law</u> amendment is available for review <u>by appointment</u> at the Planning Department at the Dysart Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Monday to Friday).

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 1st day of April, 2014.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S., MCIP, RPP Director of Planning Development

Curling club filled with fun

Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

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The curling season at the Wilberforce club concluded last week. The various leagues declared winners for the season. Then on the weekend March 28 and 29 a bonspiel with 10 teams of men participating brought the action there to a rousing close. A Bancroft team of Sean Cook, Bud Schram, Bob Adie and Dan McCoy took top honours with a total score of 58.50 points. The club and the curlers appreciated the provision of lunch by Rick Forget of Remax Realty.

Among those involved in working on this successful bonspiel were club president Tammy Vaughan, convenor Dave Watson, Darrell McQuigge, Kathy McQuigge, Ron Roberts, Sally Stirling and Gerri Waugh. Appreciation is extended to the generous sponsors and those who have given so much volunteer time and attention to the club. It has made it a very successful year

The awards dinner followed by the AGM will be held on Thursday, April 24 at the Wilberforce branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

A presentation entitled Navigating the Health Care System in Haliburton County was well attended on March 18 at the LWMC. Information on home care, home support services and long-term care was well received. Other public educational information sessions such as this one would be welcome as have the six sessions on dealing with chronic pain that were presented here this winter by the Community Care Access Centre.

The Highlands East Recreational Figure Skating

Carnival on March 22 was an exciting time especially for the performers. Under the leadership of coach Guy Gordon the youngsters have developed many new skating skills this year. These were evident as the evening program was presented.

Skating in the opener *Let It Go* were Hanna Huffman, Jocelyn Winter, Natasha Hewer, Destiny Storey, Stephanie Rogers and Olivia Brown. This group was later joined by Ella Plumb in *Happy*. Natasha also skated a solo in *Royal*.

Life is A Highway with Michael Rogers, Wila Brown, Hailey Winter, Owen Winter and Brayden Storey was a hit. Later Wila and Hailey joined in Disco Duck and Owen and Brayden along with Brody Bolger and Gracyn Whitefield presented Crazy Frog. The Under The Sea number brought to the ice Emma Deterling, Divya Nayyar, Summer Anderson-Craig, Ella Plumb and Destiny Storey. Emma also skated a duet with Gracyn Whitefield in Roar. Divya and Summer also performed in Disco Duck as did Abigail Kauffeldt. Abigail and Hailey Alden performed well in their duet Bravo.

The audience was well entertained with solos by Joelle Saylor and Maddy Saylor. A duet by Hailey Alden and Joelle was also much enjoyed.

All of the skaters returned to the ice for the finale *Living Out My Dreams*.

The club leaders are to be congratulated for providing the opportunity for the youngsters of this area to have figure skating lessons and to be part of an ice show. Volunteer assistance, generous sponsors both business and private, support from the municipality of Highlands East, the volunteer fire department, the Legion, arena staff and others are all so much appreciated. Maple Fest with those great pancakes and maple syrup is at LWMC on Easter Saturday. We hear there may be two Easter bunnies hopping about.





Nunicipality of Dysart et al



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Marcus Beach Cottages; a shared cottage property on Lake Kashagawigamog, is seeking a summer student to assist with the outside property maintenance. This position will be 32 hours per week for 16 weeks (some Sundays), starting May 2014. Brief work description is: lawn cutting, trail maintenance, recycling. Student will require proper clothing attire to work outside. Starting salary will be \$13.00/hour. Interested candidates should fax their application to 705 457 4907 or email their application for employment to: manager@ marcusbeachcottages.ca; to the attention of Lori Roberts, Property Manager.



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> Please send your resume to Publisher David Zilstra by April 8 davidzilstra@gmail.com

Thanks to all those who apply. Only those considered for an interview will be contacted.



Thank You

With the passing of our beloved husband and father, Lee Blair we want to thank Harry Hutchings, Lee's trusted employee, and David (Skip) Gainforth for being with us as Lee passed and throughout this time.

We appreciate Jim Bird for ongoing support of Marie - bringing wood and spreading sand (in this icy winter), John Coneybeare, Leona and Marcel Crete, Heather Bird, Pete Johnson, Deeno Pearsell for his moving tribute, the pall bearers, all those who sent flowers and food and our many friends and relatives from near and

far who travelled to Lee's Celebration of life. We also extend special mention to Marnnie's friends and colleagues at Point in Time for the meals and ongoing caring support.

And, of course, Monk's Funeral Home and Harry Morgan. Throughout Lee's long living with profound heart problems (from the first day that he drove himself to the hospital), Dr Karl Hartwick for saving his life so many times and, more recently, Dr Cossons, his cardiologist, Dr Reesor, Kingston General Hospital, Haliburton Hospital, London University Hospital and the many nurses who cared for Lee.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. We can attest to the vast improvements in medical care for heart patients over the past years.

We can only apologize if we have forgotten to mention anyone - Lee's passing has touched us deeply.

~ Marie and Marnnie Blair

250 IN MEMORIAM

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> Our Life together was special. It ended too soon. I miss you. Carol



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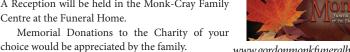
Passed away peacefully at the South Muskoka Memorial Hospital, Bracebridge on Monday, March 24, 2014, in her 88th year.

Beloved wife of the late James "Jim" Fairfield (2011). Dear mother of the late David (2010), and Linell. Loving grandmother of of Alyssa (Scott) Elstone, Meghan (Sean) Wellsbury, great grandmother of Diamond and Seth. Survived by her brother

Weston "Bub" McLearn. Lovingly remembered by her family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Saturday, March 29, 2014 from 11:00

am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Jean's Life at 12:00 o'clock noon. Cremation will follow. A Reception will be held in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the Funeral Home.



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Ward, Lionel

Peacefully surrounded by his family at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at the age of 94. Lionel was a WW11 & Korean War Vet who loved sports, gardening & his family. Beloved husband of the late Ethel Florence Ward (2012) nee Booker. Loving father of Peter (Debbie Wilson), Paul (Joan), Richard (Debbie) and Pam (Bill Roberts). Proud grandfather of Justin (Barb), Matthew (Patricia), Candice (Chris), Jonathan (Laura), Nicholas (Mark Bette), Melissa (Ryan), Melanie, Michael and Adam. Great grandfather of Kayla, Hailey, Brayden

and Jackson. Dear brother of Bob Ward of England. Friends were received on Thursday, March 20, 2014 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the HIGHLAND PARK FUNERAL CENTRE (2510 Bensfort Rd., Peterborough) A Private Memorial Service has taken place. In memory of Lionel, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Canadian Cancer Society or the charity of your choice.





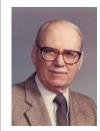
Robin Lee Anthony October 7, 1954 – March 21, 2014 (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Suddenly on March 21, 2014, Robin Lee Anthony succumbed to a stroke, at the age of 59. She was the devoted daughter of Ruth and Ken (deceased), dear friend to Ruth's partner Harry Weston, beloved wife of Ron Morse and remarkable sister to Kent, Glen (Frida) and Pamela; amazing aunt to Max, Graham, Thomas and Karyn and supportive step-mom to Douglas (Stephanie) and Daniel. Robin

grew up in Rosebank and Scarborough but lived her final 15 years on the shore of Haliburton Lake where she revelled in her passion for nature, healing and cooking. She was a caring nurse, an accomplished teacher and faithful friend to many. Robin has flown from this earthly nest. Fly on dear Robin, fly on!

Remembrance Gathering

As she wished, her organs have been donated to the Trillium Gift of Life Network with cremation following. For friends and family, a Remembrance Gathering will be held in THE COMMUNITY ROOM at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy #118, Haliburton, 705-457-9209, on Saturday April 5, 2014 from 2 to 4pm. As expressions of sympathy, donations can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation in Robin's name.



Bruce Galiers Farmer January 18, 1922 - March 23, 2014

Passed unexpectedly but peacefully. Predeceased by his wife Betty (Newbigging) Farmer(2010), siblings Beverly O'Halloran, Margaret Manson. Survived by siblings Elaine Cox (Harry), Audrey Flear (Aric), Gwladys Bailey

(Alf), Barbara Garner (Dennis), David(Carol), sister-in-law Audrey Grant and MANY nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, friends, and Canning Lake cottage community. Long time employee of Kodak.

Family and Friends were received at the Ward Funeral Home 2035 Weston Rd. (north of Lawrence Ave., West) Weston on Friday March 28, 2014 from 11am-1pm. A Memorial Service was held immediately following at 1pm in the Ward Chapel. Donations may be made to Scouts Canada or Bruce Trail Conservancy. Please visit the book of memories at www.wardfuneralhome.com.



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